

HB 922 -- Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act

Sponsor: Nichols

This bill establishes the Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act which requires the licensure of clinical laboratory science personnel and establishes the licensing classifications of medical laboratory scientists, categorical laboratory scientists, medical laboratory technicians, and phlebotomists. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Exempts certain specified individuals from the licensure requirements;
- (2) Establishes the Clinical Laboratory Science Board in the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and specifies its duties, membership, and terms of office;
- (3) Requires funds received by the board to be deposited into the newly created Clinical Laboratory Science Fund to be used for administrative purposes;
- (4) Requires all persons performing, reporting, or consulting on laboratory tests or collecting blood specimens to be licensed;
- (5) Establishes a 12-month grace period for existing practitioners who are certified by or eligible for certification by any agency acceptable to the board;
- (6) Authorizes the board to issue a temporary license, issue an inactive license, collect fees, and suspend and revoke licenses;
- (7) Allows the board to refuse to issue or renew any license for specified reasons and to cause a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission; and
- (8) Allows a court, upon application by the board, to grant an injunction, restraining order, or other order to enjoin a person from practicing as a clinical laboratory science technician if he or she is found to be in violation of any provision of the bill.

Any person who violates the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.